

I send to the desk my amendment, and ask that it be printed and referred appropriately to committee.

I yield the floor.

There being no objection, the joint resolution was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S.J. RES. 15

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission to the States for ratification:

“ARTICLE —

“SECTION 1. Nothing in this Constitution, or amendments thereto, shall be construed to prohibit or require voluntary prayer in public schools, or to prohibit or require voluntary prayer at public school extracurricular activities.”.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 6

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 6, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

S. 11

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. BRYAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 11, a bill to reform the Federal election campaign laws applicable to Congress.

S. 15

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to control youth violence, crime, and drug abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 18

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 18, a bill to assist the States and local governments in assessing and remediating brownfield sites and encouraging environmental clean-up programs, and for other purposes.

S. 25

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 25, a bill to reform the financing of Federal elections.

S. 213

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 213, a bill to amend section 223 of the Communications Act of 1934 to repeal amendments on obscene and harassing use of telecommunications facilities made by the Communications Decency Act of 1996 and to restore the provisions of such section on such use in effect before the enactment of the Communications Decency Act of 1996.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to establish the negotiating objectives and fast track procedures for future trade agreements.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 2, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE BALANCED BUDGET CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

DURBIN AMENDMENT NO. 2

Mr. DURBIN proposed an amendment to the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 1) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget; as follows:

On page 3, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

“The provisions of this article may be waived for any fiscal year in which there is an economic recession or serious economic emergency in the United States as declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House, which becomes law.”

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 1997, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is “Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Oversight.” For further information, please call the committee, 202—224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold two hearings on February 12, 1997. The first hearing entitled “Nomination of Aide Alvarez to be Administrator of the United States Small Business Administration” will begin at 9:30 a.m. The second hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Request for the United States Small Business Administration” will begin at 10:30 a.m. Both hearings will be held, in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Louis Taylor at 224-5175.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 1997, to receive testimony on the worldwide threat facing the United States.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 6, 1997, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. the purpose of this hearing is to consider S. 210, to amend the Organic Act of Guam, the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, and the Compact of Free Association Act, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to receive testimony from committee chairman and ranking members on their committee funding resolutions for 1997 and 1998 on Tuesday, February 4, Wednesday, February 5, and Thursday, February 6, all at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled “Women-Owned and Home-Based Businesses” on Thursday, February 6, 1997, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 6, 1997 at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER GEORGE SHALHOUB, ST. MARY’S ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, LIVONIA, MI

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my sincere congratulations to Father George Shalhoub, pastor and spiritual leader of St. Mary’s Antiochian Orthodox Church in Livonia, MI. Father George will be celebrating 25 years as pastor at St.